



## Parish of St. Mary & St. George, Totnes

### Sunday 5th December 2021

The Season of Advent

### Second Week of Advent

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<b>Mass &amp; other services</b> **Live Streamed			<a href="http://www.totnesparish.org.uk/mass-times">www.totnesparish.org.uk/mass-times</a> Click in 'Facebook Live Stream'
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	<i>Mrs Bridie Keelan (RIP)</i>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December**	10.30am		<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>			
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	<i>St Ambrose Bp</i>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10am		
<b><i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b>			
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10am		<i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9am		
Confession: Saturdays 5.45pm - 6.15pm or by appointment			

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Prayers for the Sick Please hold in your prayers: *Segundo Vacas Sr, Heather Wagstaff, Christa Hawkins, Jill Gilboy, Robert M. Amil*

Let us also pray for: *Bishop Christopher Budd and Fr Kieran Kirby.*

Advent Thoughts During Advent let us take some time out from our busy lives to think about what Advent means to us. Cards are available at the back of the church containing a selection of words which you may find helpful. *Ann Skipworth*



### New [Walking Together – A Synodal Journey](#)

We had our gatherings for the first session last week on Sunday and Thursday which was remarkably well attended. The second session will be held at **12 noon on Sun 12 Dec** and after the **10am Mass on Thurs 16 Dec**. The theme will be on Mission.

If you are not able to attend a parish listening event, you can find all the materials and guidance about how to send through your thoughts and views on the Diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/key-documents/parish-resources/> If you have any questions you can contact our facilitators Liz Allott and Gemma Stockford or email the Synod Team at [synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk)

### New: [Christmas Mass Times](#)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> First Mass of Christmas (Vigil) 8.30pm.** preceded by Service of Readings and Carols 7.45pm  
**Please note: No Midnight Mass**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** Mass of Christmas Day 10.30am

**Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph:** Mass 10.30am

New [Diocesan Yearbook 2022](#) can be collected in the sacristy by those who requested a copy. Cost is £4.

**New [Flowers for Advent & Christmas](#)** donation baskets are located at the exits and in the church hall. With many thanks.

**New [STELLA MARIS \(AOS\) CHRISTMAS](#)** Although life for the seafarers, like us, is not back to normal we hope to provide a few luxuries for them this Christmas. The usual items would be most welcome: socks, gloves, toiletries, playing cards, chocolate, pens, notebooks etc. If you are unable to shop, I am most happy to receive donations - however small - and I will purchase the goods on your behalf. Thank you for your generosity. *Ann Skipworth*

**[Singing and Music Rehearsals](#)** for the Liturgical Mass music and the Advent service (19th December 3pm): **Saturdays at 2pm 4th Dec and 18th Dec**. If you can't manage these and would still like to learn the music, please let me know and we will sort something out. Enthusiasm is the only prerequisite.

If you would like to hear the Sanctus (576 in the book) we are learning for Advent, it can be found at [Franz Schubert - Deutsche Messe - Zum Sanctus - Heilig, heilig - YouTube](#) (though we will be singing in English without a full orchestra!). Gemma and Madeleine at: [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com) 07766 222920

**[Late Night Shopping in Totnes: Tuesdays 7th/14th/21st December](#)**. There is no street closure this year but there is late night shopping and a market in Civic Square. St Mary's Church will be open from 5pm to 9pm with stalls etc. All the other churches are invited to have a stall on any or all evenings. Outside St Mary's there will be carol singing at 6pm and 8pm and we are all invited to join in. St Mary and St John's have kindly offered to put all churches' Christmas Services on a calendar on their website. This calendar can also be embedded in our website.

### **[Carol Service and Nativity Play - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 3pm](#)**

Everyone is invited and visiting children will be welcome to join. Singing practices have started, all are welcome. We are also looking for: people to help sew some simple costumes; volunteers to run refreshments afterwards; some people to bring small cakes for a really special Advent occasion and, of course, a congregation! So, everyone has a niche. Please put it in your diaries.

A collection will be taken for the Karibu Nyumbani orphanage in Tanzania.

Contact Gemma and Saskia at church or [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com)

### **[The Night Journey](#) – a Christmas story by Fr Robbie Low**

This is a beautiful reflection of the Mass which leads us to the manger. It would make a really good Christmas gift for young children, grandchildren and godchildren. It costs £7.50 and all proceeds go to charities working with disadvantaged children. Copies available at the back of the church.

### **[Rosary and Exposition - Tuesdays](#)**

The Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after Mass. All are welcome to call in at any time during the hour.

### **[Music Reflections - Wednesday 10-10.30am, \(Zoom\)](#)**

In our Music Reflections, we meet to contemplate the themes for the coming Sunday. Please contact Gemma [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com) or Isabelle [isabellecosgrave@hotmail.com](mailto:isabellecosgrave@hotmail.com) for the Zoom invite.

### **[Seeds of Faith Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month](#)**

We will meet in the church hall. All are welcome, if you would like more information, please contact Margaret Cushen [cushen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cushen@tiscali.co.uk)

### **[Friday 6pm Prayer Group \(Zoom\)](#)**

At the end of each week we gather with prayer and music, praying together for our needs and giving thanks for our blessings. Please contact Gemma on [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com) for the Zoom invite.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Five Bible Studies on the Advent Sunday Gospels

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way!

**Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time).** Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube\_ Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

### Journey to 2030

How can individuals, schools and parishes respond to Pope Francis' call to put 'Laudato Si' into action? How can we help our communities thrive, at the same time as tackling huge world issues on the Journey to 2030? **There is a new website** <https://journeyto2030.org/> **which offers parishes guidance on 'Laudato Si'** and our online encyclopaedia for individuals and parishes trying to respond to the Pope's teaching on care for our common home. There are also lots of resources on our Diocesan website: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/environment/> If you would like any more information on environmental issues, please contact [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

### Counselling Helpline in Plymouth Diocese

**This is not a Coronavirus helpline – for any questions regarding COVID-19 please go to NHS 111.** However, you may find the counselling helpline useful in other circumstances. It can be used for yourself, by family residing at the same address and for clergy. It is provided through our Catholic Insurance Service; it is the Cigna Scheme for the Dioceses of England. The Scheme number is 70258. Phone: 0330 0580960, press option 5 for the Counselling Service. It is completely confidential.

**Diocesan Safeguarding Office: The Diocese of Plymouth Safeguarding Team is available on 01364 645 430 or by email on [safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)**

**Safe Spaces** is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

Website: [www.safespacesenglandandwales.or.uk/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.or.uk/)

Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

Phone No: 0300 303 1056

## UNIVERSAL CHURCH

### The Pope's Universal Intention – December 2021

Prayer intention for evangelization - Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

See also: <https://the.popevideo.org/>

### Pope Francis @Pontifex 23rd November 2021



Service makes our talents bear fruit and gives meaning to our lives. Those who do not live to serve, serve for little in this life.

### MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Salvation is our destiny. When all had been done according to the law, Mary, Joseph and Jesus journeyed back to Nazareth. We might imagine them walking along, singing God's praises for their beautiful child, dimly aware they carried the Salvation of the world. Are we aware that as we help one another along, family and others, it's our journey on the road to salvation?

